GOING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS: He little-know the serrow that was in hi

vacant chair: He never guessed they'd miss him, or he'd surely have been there; He couldn't see his mother or the that filled her throat, Or the tears that started falling as read his hasty note; And he' couldn't see his father, sitting corrowful and dumb, Or he never would have written that thought he couldn't come.

He little knew the gladness that his presence would have made, And the joy it would have given, or never would have stayed. He didn't know how hungry had little mother grown. Once again to see her baby and him for her own. He didn't guess the meaning of his vis Christmas Day.

couldn't get away. He couldn't ree the fading of the checks that once were pink, And the silver in the treases; didn't stop to think How the years were passing swiftly, and next Christmas it might be There would be no home to visit mother dear to see. He didn't think about it-I'll didn't care. He was heedless and forgetful. surely have been there. Are you woing home for Christmas? Have you written you'll be there?

Going home to kiss the mother and to make their heart strings hum With a tune of perfect gladness if you'll tell them that you'll come.

little womanly pride atill left, began to ing to local superstition would have caus- make her confession.

"Why, yans, certainly," drawled the Aunt Lucy's luck held in other ways, old Ann Goforth." man. "Thar's the well; help yourselfa She sold a six months' accumulation of "You did!" Maw, can't you get a glass to drink out spinning truck and received cash for well-curb," replied the woman.

"Wal, that's the way we do," said the After satisfying his thirst the stranger said, "I wonder if I could have my horse who bought all she had made up. put up and fed while I walk to the summit of that hill yonder, where I could for earing for my horse while I am gone." money enough to buy that spotted dawg fortable.

"There ain't no cawn husked to feed Jake, as he turned over and buried his talking things over; but they did not let "Wal, Lute, you whirl in an' look after the critter. Pifty cents will buy a pile of shot for your new gun." "Let Lem do it," replied Lute, and he

of Hen Turner's."

yawned a tremendous yawn. "Lem! O Lem!" called the man. The sandy head of a youth of about twenty years was thrust out of a window in the gable of the house, and a voice mit. sleeplly:

"What you want?" "Here's a man wants his hoss watered and fed, and he'll give fifty cents for

"Let Luke or Jake do IL" exclaimed the man, with some show of

Lyddy? I reckon she'll do it. She's got more get-up than any of the rest of you. Whar's Lyddy, maw?" "I dunno. - Bhe said she was going off somewheres and take a nap, 'cause she was off to that dance down in the holler all night. Like enough they knowinsome place over the pig woods." After screeching several times

"Lyddy" and failing to get any reply. the man turned appealing to his wife and said: "Wal, why can't you do it, maw? Think of all the terbacker for your pipe that | fifty cents will buy!"

"Yes, an' have you an' the boys smoke the heft of it up. No. I thank ye!" The man turned toward the stranger in disgust and densir and said: "It ain't any use, mister. They won't one of 'em lift a hand. Air it any wonder I ain't ever got along in the world? You kin ride from Dan to Reersheby and you won't find another such a shiftless lot as I have to support. I reckon they'll feed you nag down the road at Hank Jones'. Nothin' like a shiftless family to keep a man down." and he dropped backward with his hat

over his face and went to sleep. AN AMUSING ERROR

Typographical errors are to be found old, which falls twelve days later. They in the best regulated family journals as might have joined in the usual round of the editor of the National Revenue visiting, but it happened that all their perience. A typical example came to his or another. Roistering with gunpowder remarked: The flower show had been a great suc- not what they wanted. But as the winter cers, and a few evenings later Mr. Blank, deepened over Moccasin. Gap they felt who had performed the opening care- more and more like celebrating in some fee for the advice I have given you is mony, was reading the local paper's way. report of it to his wife.

flable pride turning to anger. Snatoli- Dartus was out with his rifle every day. ing up his stick, he rushed from the on the mountain side and in the breaks room. Amaged, his wife picked up the of Punchaon Camp Creek. But he was newspaper to ascertain the reason of her not, at his time of life, as quick with spouse's fury.

She read: "As Mr. Blank mounted the can be with her legs and wings; and scamp, have you been loafing all day? platform, all eyes were fixed on the large all Herbrought in was one opossum, toler- Didn't I tell you to lay in some coal? red 'nose' he displayed. Only years of ably fat, that had lived on stolen corn livetus-Yassuh, Ah's been layin' in patient cultivation could have produced and chickens. He put the creature, grin- de coal all day, the' der's lots of softer an object of such brilliance."-National ning and snapping, into a coop; and the places where Ah'd rather lay. Revenue Review.

A GOOD EXCUSE

at 3 o'clock in the morning. What for the road was hard as Iron. Aunt 'lis employer was more than disposed or three years for \$2 it is the farmer's James Gallagher, compounded himself business had you there at that time of Lucy heard them and stood by the fence to be thrifty. On the fighest divident paying investment, and more than 50 years ago. And these good Prisoner-I Judge-Then why did you, when this the was kin to nearly everyone in the plate. lady approached, leap through the win- far valley, and some stopped and talked. The farmer noticed this and lookdow, jump, into the cistern, and hide a long time with her. voussif Prisoner—I thought she was my wife, glad to have him stay and tell her all "That's all right," replied Jim. "I'm "Hardly enough to be worth sheeting." -Kdinburgh Ucotsman.

The Free Press Short Story

TURKEY LUCK

BY EMMA BELL MILES

mountain from the far valley on the way more than half joking about having tural pushed the plate of rolls out of sight "All the anylung, hospitals, free schools thing?" chickens; but if he wished for something money. to represent a rooster he must have But when Dartus drove into the lot those rolls over for his dinner." which flowed the spring where Aunt coffee and a little sugar, which was about instead of the enthusiastic one that ing heavily. claim Lucy kept her piggins of butter and all that they ever bought, he, too, had a usually greeted him told him that some- "Why should I drink?" the old phycrocks of cream.

From their back porch the Rheas could also, from the time the peachblows cast the biggest. Pat, ain't they?" budded out. Uncle Dartus used to alt, henhouse together, and gave them all apring branch and telling tales of the morning.

Uncle Dartus and Aunt Lucy never felt lonesome, although the nearest neighbors lived in the coves and ridges far below. Por it was known to the in Red Gully Cove was always directed

the's make up tome good biscuits; and man." Many men are "kept down" in the way we'll go in the smokehouse and cut a She noticed than how thin his clothes man in the following story ham." They always had honey and were and how out of heart he looked; ingly. "How stupid I've been," she said. hurried horror-stricken to his home.

"Thar's a gourd hangin' on to the the old-fashioned coverlets and counter- she had got ready. "Do not let me trouble you in any of linsey-woolsey and "checkerty-plaid" ner," he said ruefully. But he crossed Greenhut?" way," the stranger made haste to say, cotton, dyed with copperas, indigo and the kitchen and kissed Aunt Lucy's the notice of some people from Watauga, my kinfolks."

perhaps get a good photograph of the them in the early summer, and while answered; but she said it happily. valley below. I will pay you fifty cents they stayed he and Dartus lined bees.

When the frost came, ripening the the critter with," replied the boy called simmons sugary, they sat by the fire muscadines and nuts and making pereach other know that they were in high spirits, for they believed that it is bad luck to boast of good health and bad

company had gathered and sang songs until after midnight. He had honestly Then he daked: "Whar's believed, he said, that the elder bushes bloomed out in the snow at twelve o'clock tion."

> their knees round the manger. "I dont' know but what they do, too, he declared. "Because I've waked up un a bitter cold Christman Eve and heard em a-lowing and a-mooing; and I've seed the elder buds all busted out and trostbit the next day. Oh, yes, a body always ought to try to keep Christmes!" Then Aunt Lucy told how her father's family wonerally killed a deer and baked a great apple cake nearly two feet high, or else rousted a shole with sweet pola-

make out to cat a whole shote, without some of my folks was to come from Melga County to help us," ahe said: "but aim to bake us a small cake." "And maybe I can polish Old Bister. said Dartus, as he looked up at the long muzzle-loader that with its shot pouch and powder-horn had hung over he firebooard since they were married, "and I'll kill us a wild turkey or a pheasant, or anyhow a mess of quail." The reason that they had fallen out of the habit of keeping Christmas was

that they were both good church members and did not approve of the misrule that some people in the mountains set up frosh the new Christmas Day to the and moonshine whiskey and cards was

All the week before Christmas was Presently he stopped reading, his justi- dry, clear weather, crispy cold. Old going to take your advice." "Old Bister" as a frightened turkey hen | next day he hitched his mule to the spring wagon and set out for Watauga. It was the Baturday before Christmasthe country people's day for going to Judgo-You admit you entered the town. Every wagon that came down the

> When Koh Latiner came by the was here." the news from Blue Springs and Carson's jest getting mine ready for you."

LD DARTUS RITEA and his wife, Cove. His wagon was piled with holly Creek up to Moccasin Cap and crosses green he had a coopful of fat young borliness-"

to Watauga. From the road a man key for Christmas dinner, and she under the table cover.

turkey. "Well, Lucy, we cert'n'y surprised one

war. To look at him you would never | On Christmas Eve the weather turn- the morning. Tom Barelay natted his have thought that he had been with od colder, and a sharp wind blew down wife's hand. General Miles in more than a dozen the valley. Everyone that passed was battles. And he never spoke an ill word glad to stop and get warm by Dartus' "your neighborliness is a little relfish right and wrong. A fifthy bully dragged ness were not to please him. They coffee. Coldest of all travellers on the Mr. Greenhut have only the taking. Do drove away in it, road was poor Timon, Dartus' nephew, you remember when he offered to bring A stout young fellow, reeling out of an well satisfied with the old curtains. tramping homeward with a sack of your water? Another time it was wood, a calson, was met by his grey-haired The soft colors, the pretty dishes, the meagre supplies on his shoulder.

country round about that their coffeepot mas, Timon?" inquired Aunt Lucy. refused the watermelon I think it really her to the ground, and went on his way. That they give pleasure to the country mas, Timon?" inquired Aunt Lucy. hurt him. When a man carries a water—The crowd passed by, heedless of the whom he wishes to give all that he can? I remembered how hard Jerusalem work—white head lying at their feet. a little picked bird. I min't got to work one its weight in happiness. I imagine out biasphemous words. It was God and at nothing all fall for havin' to take keer all the joy of anticipation he had in Christ whose teachings had demanded things women buy, add to the man's "Come right in and walt for supper of them. I reckon me and her'll jist sit juggling that melon over the range van-

A gentleman was travelling to the, One fall it happened that they born haste to pack a bucket of honey to send afraid he meant it to 'pay back' for the comfort. He found a strange woman only the doorway holds a woman's smile, South on horseback, when he stopped for felt unusually well and hearty. They to Cynthia. By the time it was ready rolls and things. That was only two days with a bold, sensual face in his mother's ling, encouraging face. Home it means a drink of water at a :little log citin had done fairly well for old folks that she thought of something else and looked ago. Do you think maybe-" in the backwoods. A long and very lank season, what with their truck patch and about for Dartus, to consult with him. "I saw it," said her husband, laughing. The marks of flerce, ungoverned passions were on his face. weak blue eyes, was sprawling under a ran over the ridges. A heavy must of moment, and Timon was in a hurry; must be deliciously cold by now. Shall tree in the dooryard. A slatternly woman acorns and chestnuts fed the pigs fat, so she ran out to the henhouse and, you ask for it?" in a faded called gown was dowing in a and all three cows brought helfer calves, groping in the dusk, found a turkey. "Just wait and see," was all she said.

corner where there was a little grass, old Ann Goforth to stay with them on of what she had done on impulse—"me tablecloth on the rough pine table, while case, she died a few days after she left the "book of verses underneath the Pive or six dogs were scattered about New Year's Day and had given her a poke a-givin' away all-that good turkey meat, savory odors floated from the oven. the yard, and only one of them had life of dried apples and eggs. Old Ann was and it so high! He'll be apt to read me enough to rise to its forefeet and give a part Indian and never was good com- the parables about it." She put off get-it?" their sides, and the woman, with a been Preacher Drane—and that accord- the henhouse, she knew that she must make a dinner of." ed all the zettings of eggs to hatch out | When the had finished. Dartus said ing further. "So you did ask for it!"

> leaves; and her good honest blankets wouldn't 'a' thought of you doin' that; it again, but didn't quite dare to, so I of Christmas bells. In the streets were were warm and lasting. They came to I didn't low you thought that much of said:

"Bo it's you and me, instid of Timon Then Dartus' nephew, Timon Poe, and Cynthy, that will have to set and brought his young wife, Cynthia, to visit look at one 'nother Christmas Day," she en. "Well, 'y jings, Lucy, it wouldn't be They found three or four rich honey so bad ef we was to," he reflected, notic-"You hear that, Jake?" said the man, trees and added the wild colonies to the ing her mounting color and her smile. rising to a sitting posture. "He says home stand. So what with one thing "But there's the possum. I'll go out and that he'll give fifty cents to have his and another the old man and woman skin him whilst you fix a potful of sweet hoes fed. Than's your chance to earn had reason to feel contented and com- taters, and I reckon we won't go exactly

father's wit, as we say, his father may hand. still keep his own, and on occasion even "'Lillian Barclay,' I said, 'you leave manners to boast of good living. Dartus, be able to cope successfully with his things just as they are for a whole week offspring. Dr. James B. Angell tells, -and then you can be sure your rolls cald: "I'll be limb-juggled, Lucy honey, in his "Reminiscences," the following have the neighborly flavor." of I sin't in-about minded to git us a enjoyable story of his college days at Perhaps the turkey would have been of Doctor Wayland:

although they had heard of such a holiday, they were not sure of its date and
would not have known how to keep it.
Dartus talked on of the time when he
was a little boy and his people sat by The doctor's con, Heman Lincoln Wayin the father's text-book on moral phil- few Scandinavians have the trouble that asophy. Lincoln rose with an expression of great solemnity and respect, and said: "Bir, I would like to propound a quesand that the cattle all went down on

"Well, sir," said the son, "in the learned author's work we are now perusing, I observe the following remark. condition the -and then he quoted. The class saw that fun was at hand. and began to laugh. "Well, what of it?" asked the father, with a merry twinkle in his eye. "Why," continued the son, "in another work of the same learned author, entitled 'On the Limitations of Human

Responsibility,' I find the following pas-He then quoted again. Clearly the two passages were irreconcilable. The boys were delighted to see that the doctor was in a trap, and broke into loud laughter. "Well, what of it?" asked the doctor,

and his eyes twinkled still more merrily. "Why," said the son, with the utmost gravity, "It has occurred to me that I should like to know how the learned author reconciles the two state-"Oh," said the father, "that is simple enough. It only shows that since he wrote the first book the learned author has learned something."

NO BALE

Review knows by reason of long ex- near relations were away at one distance doctor. As he was leaving the doctor sleep." "You've forgotten something." "No." replied the darky.

"Yes, you have," said the doctor. "My Canada." four dollars." . "Yes," answered the darky, "but I al.,"

OBEYED ORDERS Boss-Rustus, you good for nothing

NO WASTE NECESSARY

Jim Higgins was having his first ex- great improvement in the Pamily Herald of the old, proved, Herbal Household house of the prosecutor by the rear door gap rang loud and far on the frosty air, perience as a "hired man" on the farm, and Weekly Blar, Montreal. At \$1 a year Remedies that the noted herbalist, with a homespun square pinned over her Jim breakfasted with the family on cold the family circle gets with it the best of berbs, Nature's gift, have great healing own head, saying, "We're jist toler'ble. How's bacon. He proceeded to cut off the all insgasines free. your folks?" to everyone that passed rind and place it on the side of his

ing up remarked: "We cat the rind. "How much life insurance does

BEING NEIGHBORLY

Young Mrs. Barclay slopped to catch her breath and tuck the fresh white took home with him last Christman eve time as I had! After all the flogra had thing hot. And men are so helpless heart, about baking. Mr. Oreenhut's biscuits are pitiful."

ed 'Mr. Greenhut's cable voices came to with the rolls." Bhe was about to rap no future life, and the world knew it. that mother had given me. when Mr. Greenhut's voice came distinctbly through the open window.

bark men and drovers who come up the made Aunt Lucy believe that he, was the trees. Hack in her own cabin she acter he had always reverenced.

thing had gone gone wrong.

zhipping ore we'll go back to civilization. a shadow and the coral honovsuckle Dartus locked the two birds in the and parties, and clothes, and neighbors."

own cabin with It."

and she went into the kitchen and made |"I wanted that melon, too; but I was There, at least, would be peace and retreat as any four walls could offer if

"Chicken!" he cried. "Where did you.

self upon his elbow, the boys turned on the first visitor of the day would have with a blank expression from a trip to exactly the right size for two people to father. "There is no God! There is no "Could I get a drink here?" asked the roosters, and might also have hindered sheepishly, "I toted one of them birds "Indeed I did not!" said Mrs. Barclay. Aunt Lucy in her soap making. "Indeed I did not!" said Mrs. Barclay. too, at the end will be as she is." cidental than the way I came across Mr.

Greenhut getting his water from the were lies? The Christ that had lifted ers' wives, daughters and sons, get free, I had my apron full of them. So I said, had been a lie-a fraud? "'No,' he said, 'I-I don't care much shining on the snow-covered roofs. Prom madder and peach-tree bark and walnut withered cheek. "Old honey girl, I for melons.' I knew he wanted to offer every church spire came the glad sound

> thing I dream of up here—except chick- great thought, which the day hall "Well, before I knew it he had brought on earth to redeem mankind.

He's the dearest old man!" them in the neighboring cathodral. "Didn't you ask him to stay and help us cat all the grand things?" "O Tom, you'd have bungled the whole thing. Do you think I was going to spoil it all by offering him a 'pay-back' supper? Of course I wanted to. I went to-the-door five times to call him back; and the last time I just took myself in

TROUBLESOME TEETU

disconcerting a manner.

dentist, "was a Swedish girl, who came in one day to get her teeth extracted, writer, Her upper jaw was absolutely bare of teeth, and the lower set was in agen condition that there seemed to be nothing " Where are the teeth asked.

" 'In your stomach!' I gasped. "'Yaw, meester,' she sobbed. can get them out-mys lady she is tole

your throat. "'Yaw! Yaw!' protested Tillic, clapping a hand to her belt-buckle. 'She La "Fillie was evidently sincere," said the

dentist, "and I was beginning to think that I had a lunatic on my hands, when the day was saved. My office door was flung open and an excited boy rushed

your teeth tucked under your mattreast You must have taken them out in your "'My goo'ness!' exclaimed Tillie, apologetically. 'My hov some bedder vit

TIPEN HE RETIRED

the links: Eton crop! dresh Rah!"

were her father."

NOT WORTH THE RISK husband carry?"

HIS DREAM

Paul Tyron, a young modical student,

tihe hurried up the traft. As the neur- in-heaven?" her through the trees. "Oh, he has the consciousness that his doubt was does to them. I also brought my plant. company," she said. "I'm just in time true. There was no God, no Olivist, Indoors, and put them into some backets

"Yes," he said, "It is more like civil- into ruin, or had been turned into halls because he provides my "milk and honey whom everyone knew as Aunt and mistletoe and bulb moss and cat exiton-with a woman in camp, and Mrs. for pleasure-keekers or for riotous gather- blest." Well, I continued to wait-not Lucy, lived on the road that brier that he was carrying down to sell Barchay is a sweet, sunny little thing, lings. Mechanically he made his way for his return, that occurred on schedule climbs out of Puncheon Camp along the streets; but underneath the too. But she's selfish with her neight to the hospital in which he attended time, but for him to make some remarks Conrwood Mountain. Their house was a turkeys that, he was taking to market. | Mrs. Barclay tiptoed noiselessly away met one of the physicans a man whose things. convenient stopping place for the tan- The way. Uncle Dartus had spoken ... om the cabin and fled away through grave, benignant manner and lofty char- At last I could endure it no longer.

could see the roof spread out like an thought that it would be an excellent | 'There," she said, with the tears in closed," he said. "Why should the rich Looks very nice." There was no more old hen's wings among the apple trees, idea to surprise him; so she bought a fat her pretty gray eyes, "I'll never be neight care for the poor, or any man put out enthusiasm than any sweeping day deand the bee gums round it like little furkey from Eph with her own blanket borly with him again! Belfish indeed! a hand to help another? That was serves. I left my own work unfinished to take doctrine said to have been taught by strained his fancy to make one of the that evening, with the provision of salt | When Tom Barclay came in a few motto is, 'Every man for himself!' log barn, or of the great rock, from under and water-ground meal and lamp oil and minutes later a wet little dab of a kiss Paul saw that the man had been drink-

Or he never would have written that he see all over three counties, and the view 'nother," he said. "It was more'n we slipping an arm round the tearful little is a pleasure to me. Why should I not notice anything new, either?" was equally wide from the middle entry, really ought to 'a' spent, but nover mind. figure. "Never mind, honey. When we indulge myself?.

Where the loom sat all summer. There I b'lieve the one Eph raised is a lectle get a little farther under way and start "Hecause vice must be hateful to a "It's not that," she said, with her face and no virtue. There is no God to listening to his bees and the running the corn that they could eat the next burled in his blue jumper. And be- make laws, or to make one action right he doesn't even notice what I've done?" tween sols she told him the incident of and another wrong."

> fire and drink a cup of Aunt Lucy's You keep all the joy of the giving, and let a delicate woman from her carriage, and were to please myself. During his few Things like that would be a real help mother, who threw her arms about him, initialed linen-what do those things "What you-uns goin' to do for Christ- to you when I'm away. And when you begging him to come home. He struck mean to the husband and father except "Cynthy's poorly, and the haby, it favore it means he thinks it's going to give some Little children passed him, acreaming ed and how willingly he paid the bills. time," the old man would say. "Lucy and look at one nother for our Christ- ished when you sent him back to his in human lives, and there was no long-

rocking-chair by the door. Two boys and the chickens turned out well annu Tving its large handling the first little and the fall of the fa

spiritless bark to announce the stranger's pany, but if she had not come early to telling him until the last minute on "It's from Mr. Greenhut," explained she is with Him." approach. The man slowly raised him- all by the fire that New Year's morning Christmas morning; when he came in his wife, "and it's grouse. He says it's "Thank God, you say!" exclaimed the "Hello!" called her husband, explor- of decaying matter! Go and enjoy your-

They looked at each other across the spring hole this afternoon. There are this modern world out of struggling souls the best magazine extant. it. She could no longer see to weave scalding water and carving knife that some beautiful flowers up the hill, and with strength, and made their lives pure panes, although she made all her dresses "Well, thar goes our Christmas din- You haven't caten your melon yet, Mr. Paul started up from his dream cold

> "I wish I'd known that when you gifts. In every face, even of the lowest offered it to me. Melons are the only and most vicious, was the sign of a

> out this beautiful grouse, all picked and cleaned, and loaded it into a pan with the melon, and brought them right down with happiness. As she stooped to kiss to the cabin. And the way he beamed! him, he heard the pealing of an an-

Tillie did, and few lose their teeth in so

"My funniest patient," said the sociable

"'In mys stomach,' returned the girl, ratepayers," he angrily exclaimed. suddenly burnting into tears. week my hov buy me al new toots on top vor twanty-five dollar, on Chicago. Two days ago my sleep so goot, so-o goot! Ven my vake opp, mys toots she vor all go down mys t'roat. I tank maybe you

" 'Nonsense!

"'O Tillie,' he cried; 'mother just found

mys toots every day since I come on

Peppery Colonel to partner on golf course, in reference to a girl player on "What is the present-day girl coming to? Imagine her parents allowing her to appear in public in plus-fours and Attempting to copy our Partner-"That, sir, is my daughter." Colonel - "Horry. I did not know you

Partner-"I'm not. I'm her mother." The whole Dominion is talking of the lagher's Kidney Remody which is one

napkin more neatly round a plate of a book written by an American who been rewaxed, the rugs beaten, the wipsteaming hot rolls. ,"It's to nice," the professed to doubt Christianity. The dows washed, the walls wiped clean, the said to herself, "to have a neighbor. It young man read its pages until long furniture polished, the pictures hung, and takes some of the loneliness out of camp past midnight, and then laid down the the china and glass cleaned. I put some life to run over with a plate of some- book with a sharp doubt stabbing his new curtains at the windows and brought

"What if this author is right? What seat. I always have up something fresh if there is no liavlour, no merciful Pather to put out after I have finished house-He fell asleep, but seemed to retain tention to the cleaning as the chambre

He dreamed he rose and went out into Then I waited expectantly for Jer the street. The churches were tumbling usalem," as I jokingly call my husband the free clinics, but it was closed. He about the clean house and the new

and other charatable institutions are He looked about. Christ, There is no Christ now. Our

sician demanded, answering the suspic-"What! Lonesome again?" he asked, lon in the younger man's face. "It exasperating! Don't you-don't you man like you, and virtue dear." "Ah, you forgot! There is no vice ing myself to death to make a pretty.

Paul dreamed that he' walked down the street. At every turn he found it or it had added to his comfort." "Do you know, dear," he said, slowly, proof that men no longer believed in

> er a God, no Christ now in the world, and baskets of plants, dusting and avecu-Paul thought in his dream that he ing, shining silver and dainty china. Ah,

"Then she at least is happy!" cried her con. "She was a saint. Thank God. future life! Your mother is but a lump self in any way you choose, for you. Was it true, then, that the Christ, the heaven that his mother believed in

with a sweat of horror. The sun was happy children, their arms loaded with brought, that of the God-Man Who came There was a tap at the door. His mother came in, her pure face bright

sang, "peace on earth and good-will to-

"Glory to God in the highest," they

EVERY REASON FOR SHOCK Booth course and playing very badly too. was at some pains to impress upon his caddie that he usually showed much better form. After taking twelve to one hole, he said defensively that he had accomplished it in four the previous day. "What!" exclaimed the caddle.

TOO MUCH FINERY

At a meeting of a town Council, the Chairman announced that the clerk want a supply of ribbons for the type-Immediately a member was on his feet, vehemently protesting against such a request being complied with "She may be a very nice girl, but don't see why she should be provided with such finery at the expense of the

AWAITING REPLY Sandy was flubling. Donald, passing. asked: "How are the fish to-day, Sandy?" "I.dinna ken." answered Sandy, "I've disputed them a line, but so far they've

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"I've been housecleaning," I observed, much as if I'd meant, "I've just made a thousand!" "Housecleaning?" surprise. "What did you do that for? It's balways clean, isn't 11?" "Oh, Jerusalem," I scolded, "you're so

He looked blank, and I walked away in righteous indignation. "What's the use," I demanded of myself, "of my workcomfortable home for Jerusalem when And then it came to me, "Why, he would have noticed if he had cared for After all, the prettiness and the newwaking hours at home he would be just things women buy, add to the man's mean color schemes and rugs, pictures

nourishing meals such as any tiny table could set forth; it means rest such as any comfortable couch could give. All "I found that I preferred another the other things-the colonial lines the woman to your mother, and I sent her dull pollah, the solid mahogany, the sterling silver, the linen chest -he thinks of bough" and even some of the companionship that should be his by right. Too often we wives give to the care of that

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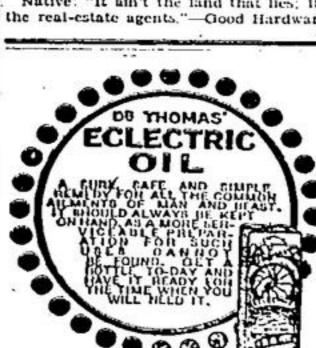
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